

Application No. 10/608,992

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. In the Office Action mailed on December 13, 2005, Claims 1-5 and 7-18 were allowed and Claim 6 was rejected. Applicant has cancelled Claim 6. No other amendments have been made.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102 (b) and 103 (a)

Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 6 has also been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by any of U.S. Patent No. 5,100,807 to Adamczyk et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,825,851 to Cocks et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,714,564 to Lynch et al., or U.S. Patent No. 4,024,256 to Griffith et al. Claim 6 has also been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as obvious over any of U.S. Patent No. 5,100,807 to Adamczyk et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,825,851 to Cocks et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,714,564 to Lynch et al., or U.S. Patent No. 4,024,256 to Griffith et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,590,800 to Shimoda.

Claim 6 has been cancelled, thus mooted these rejections.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-5 and 7-18 were indicated as allowable.

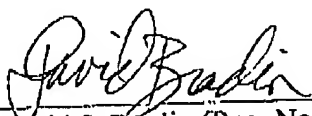
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Conclusion

In view of the cancellation of Claim 6, Applicant believes that the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner believes that any issues remain unresolved, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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